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FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS AND INFORMATION OFFICERS
SUBJECT: GUYANA AIRLIFT PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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1. PUBLIC INQUIRIES REGARDING GUYANA CONTINUE TO SURFACE. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS GUIDANCE REGARDING SUCH INQUIRIES. UNITS AND BASES MAY RESPOND TO MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC QUERIES ABOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE GUYANA AIRLIFT. SPECIFIC UNITS, NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT INVOLVED AND THE ASSIGNED MISSION OF THE UNIT CONCERNED MAY BE IDENTIFIED. WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED, INTERVIEWS MAY BE GRANTED. INTERVIEWEES SHOULD LIMIT COMMENTS TO PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR UNIT'S MISSION.

2. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE JONESTOWN TRAGEDY, SEVERAL NON-ROUTINE, NON-PRESS REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, SUCH AS ONE RECEIVED BY AN AIR FORCE UNIT INVOLVED IN THE GUYANA OPERATION, FOR ITSPERSONNEL TO FILL OUT A TECHNICAL

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR A MEDICAL JOURNAL. QUERIES HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED REQUESTING PATHOLOGISTS TO PROVIDE DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE SPECIFICS OF THEIR WORK AT DOVER. WHILE REQUESTS OF THIS TYPE MAY ORIGINATE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHANNELS, THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MILITARY SERVICES' ESTABLISHED DIRECTIVES AND REGULATIONS, IN COORDINATION WITH PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

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